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1. The Liberated Area Youth Federation of China (LAYFC), one of the leading Chinese Communist Party inspired and dominated youth groups issued a call in November 1948 for a congress of representatives of the students of all the liberated areas. However, because of the response of the students in both Communist and Kuomintang controlled areas, it was decided that the congress include representatives of students from all of China. Thus, groups such as the China Students Union (CSU) and other Communist dominated groups claiming to represent the students in Nationalist areas, also sent delegates. The congress was officially dubbed the 14th All China Student Congress, since the Communists claim that thirteen other student congresses have been held since 1919 under their auspices. All of these previous meetings also claimed to represent all of the students of China.

### 14th All China Students Congress

2. The preparatory committee for the convocation of the 14th All China Students

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- Congress (Chung Kuo Hsueh Sheng Tai Piao Ta Hui (中國學生代表大會) ) was established on 1 February 1949 and has 29 members. It is composed of representatives from the LAYFC, the China Students Union, the Liberated Area Student Federations of North China, East China, Manchuria and the Central Plains, together with student federations of Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Chekiang, South China, and other Nationalist areas.
3. The LAYFC is a member organization of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) and is led by FENG Wen-pin (馮文彬), CHEN Chia-kang, and others. It is completely Communist dominated and inspired, and is considered the source of authority for the Student Congress and for many other student and youth organizations in Communist areas. On 5 November 1948, this federation announced that a Liberated Areas Student Congress would be held in February 1949. A preparatory committee for such a congress was established. However, as stated above, this was later changed to an All-China Congress.
  4. Various unions, usually called Liberated Areas Students Unions, are to be found in all areas taken over by the Communists and all appear to be under the control of the LAYFC.
  5. The China Students Union (Chung Kuo Hsueh Sheng Lien Ho Hui (中國學生聯合會), was established in Shanghai in June 1947. It is supposed to be the main organ of the federation of the various student groups in Nationalist controlled areas. Regional student unions; such as, the Shanghai Students Union, the Nanking Students Union, the Central China Students Union, the South China Students Union, the Southwest China Students Union, and the Taiwan Students Union, all have been and still are members of the China Students Union. In September 1948, the General Association of Chinese Students in Britain (Liu Ying Chung Kuo Hsueh Sheng Tsung Hui (留英中國學生總會) ) also joined this organization.
  6. The highest authoritative organ of the China Students Union is supposed to be the Membership Representative Conference, to which the various regional student unions send representatives. From this conference the Board of Directors is chosen to carry on all current functions. Under the Board of Directors are such departments as the Secretariat, the Departments of Organization, of Learning and Art, of Welfare, and the Department of Relief. CHEN Chen-chung (陳震東), CHOU Shou-chiang (周壽昌) and others have served on the Board of Directors of the China Students Union. In the latter part of 1947, this Union was officially abolished by the KMT. All functions of the organization, however, continued and were carried out underground.
  7. The various student demonstrations in Shanghai, Nanking, and other areas of Nationalist China were staged and directed by the members of the Board of Directors of the China Students Union. The publication of the Union's organ, ~~Hsueh Sheng Pao (學生報)~~, the formation of literary, musical, art, and other so-called "learning" clubs (actually Communist study groups), scholarship and poor student assistance movements, and student relief campaigns, were all camouflaged activities sponsored by this Union.
  8. The China Students Union has also been active on the international front. CHIEN Pi-te (錢彼德) (Peter CHIEN), was appointed and sent by the Union to join the International Union of Students (IUS) in the fall of 1947. Delegates were also sent by the Union to the "Conference of the Youth of Southeast Asia Fighting for their Freedom and National Independence," which was summoned by the WFDY and the IUS in Calcutta in February 1948. Among the Chinese delegates were CHANG Yu-fen (張毓芬) and HUANG Chen-sheng (黃振聲).

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9. Twice the representatives of the China Students Union have been elected to the Board of Directors of the IUS. The present representative of the China Students Union is LIANG Keng (梁耕), believed to be a CCP member, and he is stationed at the headquarters of that organization. In January 1949, the China Students Union moved its headquarters from Shanghai to Shihchia-chuang, partly to aid in the preparation of the forthcoming congress and partly to escape the Kuomintang which had a short time before exerted considerable pressure on the group. However, an office of the Union was left in Shanghai to handle any underground work.
10. Student Federations from Nationalist controlled areas included all of the regional groupings of the student unions from Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Chekiang, South China, and Southwest China. Peiping and Tientsin also had such student unions. Each of these regional student unions is formed by the representatives of the Student Self-Government Associations (Hsueh Sheng Tzu Chih Hui 學生自治會) of the various colleges and schools in the respective region. If a region did not have a student union established, representatives of the Student Self-Government Association of the school or schools in that region joined the nearest regional student union. Each regional union is a member of the China Students Union, and leaders of all regional student unions form the Membership Representative Conference of the China Students Union. From this Conference the highest executive organ, the Board of Directors, is chosen.
11. On the surface, the organization of the China Students Union seems to be democratically controlled from the lowest organs. In reality this is not so. A few Communists, known as "professional students" were designated by the CCP to become leaders of the China Students Union. These few, who had already entered, or entered at that time into various universities, besides dominating the Student Self-Government Associations of their universities, served as directors of the Associations in other schools and universities and as leaders in various student movements. As a matter of course, these students, since they represented the Associations, were made leaders of the various regional students unions and then members of the Board of Directors of the China Students Union. Most of these "professional students" were sent by the CCP to the various universities to lead agitation and student movements. Frequently these men and women are graduates of other colleges, and thus find the work easy to do. They can, therefore, spend most of their time in organizing demonstrations and other work in connection with their Party duties.
12. Officers of the Preparatory Committee for the Convocation of the 14th All China Students Congress were elected as follows:
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| CHEN Chen-chung (陳廉儒) | Chairman                                       |
| LIU Lien-ju (劉廉儒)     | Vice-Chairman                                  |
| SHAO Min (邵敏)         | Vice-Chairman                                  |
| KU Kuang-shun (顧光順)   | Vice-Chairman                                  |
| SHIH Chi-tao (史繼陶)    | Secretary-General                              |
| YEN Fu-min (晏福民)      | Ass't Secretary-General                        |
| NIEH Yun-hua (聶運華)    | Ass't Secretary-General                        |
| CHOU Shou-chang       | Chairman of Publicity Committee                |
| LI Kung-tien (李公天)    | Chairman of the Resolutions Drafting Committee |
13. The Personnel of the Preparatory Committee is as follows:
- a. CHEN Chia-kang (陳家康) is a member of the LAYFC. He is a native of

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- x. LI Ching-hsien (李景先) is a member of the Chekiang Students Union. LI was a "professional student" probably at the National University of Chekiang, Hangchow, which was one of the leading centers of student activity.
- y. WANG Yun-ts'ung (王雲從) is a member of the Hankow Student Union. WANG was a female student, probably attending the National University of Wuhan.
- z. HO Hsi-ch'uan (何錫權) is a member of the South China Student Union. He is a "professional student" at the National Sun Yat-sen University, Canton.
- aa. LIU Hsi-sheng (劉希聖) is a member of the Peiping Student Union. LIU was a "professional student" attending one of the universities in Peiping.
- bb. FENG Pin-pin (馮彬彬) is a member of the Tientsin Student Union. She was girl student leader in Tientsin.
- cc. A representative of the Southwest Student Union also attended the meeting, but his name is unknown.
14. It was decided by the Preparatory Committee that the All China Students Congress would be held in Peiping between 1 March and 7 March 1949. Student representatives from the Communist-controlled areas would be elected according to the instructions of the LAYFC. That is, representatives would be chosen by the Regional Federations of Student Unions in conferences held prior to the Congress itself. In Nationalist areas, the method of "electing" would be a little different. The various leading universities in these areas would directly appoint their own representatives and would not be restricted in the number of delegates. Other colleges and institutes above the middle school level in various Nationalist controlled provinces, municipalities and cities would have one representative appointed for each five thousand students. If the remainder were over 2500 then one additional representative would be appointed. If the total number of students was less than 5000, the college would be represented by one delegate. These representatives would be appointed by the Student Self-Government Association of the school or institute, without consulting the student body as a whole. Frequently these appointments would be made secretly, and the majority of the students would be unaware that anyone had been appointed to represent them.

Preparatory Session of the 14th All China Students Congress.

15. The preliminary session of the Congress met in the auditorium of the Peiping Arts Institute (Pei P'ing I Shu Chuan K'o Hsueh Hsiao (北平藝術學院學校), on 28 February, with 202 student representatives from the various regional federations and universities attending. This meeting was called to approve the decisions of the Preparatory Committee. Regulations governing the convocation of the Congress and measures governing examination of the qualifications of representatives, both of which had been drafted by the Preparatory Committee, were approved.
16. The meeting then proceeded to elect a Presidium for the Congress. This Presidium consists of thirty representatives, and is almost identical with the personnel of the Preparatory Committee. However, the four representatives of the LAYFC, who are not students and thus could not serve on the Presidium, were replaced by four others. The LAYFC men who were replaced are CH'EN Chia-k'ang, P'ANG Pang-yung, T'ANG Chin-pang, and KAO T'ang. The men replacing them are CH'ENG Hao of the Northwest Liberated Area Student Union, CHAO Chih-ying (趙棋聖), East China Liberated Area Students Union, TING Li of the Central Plains Liberated Area Student Union, and HO Ch'ang-ch'eng of the Shanghai Student Union.

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17. The first session of the 14th All-China Youth Congress consisting of the opening ceremonies took place on 1 March. The second session, convened the following day, was attended by LIU Ai-feng (劉愛風), Vice-Minister of Education in the North China People's Government who was sent to speak a few words of congratulations. In this session, FENG Wen-pin, Chairman of the LAYFC, represented that Federation in giving a report. FENG is Executive Committee member and Chief of the Youth Work Department of the All China Union of Trade Unions, and Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Establishment of the Hsin Min Chu Chu I (新民主主義) Youth Corps. A member of the Presidium, SHIH Chi-t'ao, Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, read a report entitled "The Present Mission of the China Student Movement." HUANG Ho-chen, a member of the Presidium and representing the Preparatory Committee, read a report entitled, "The Student Movement in Kuomintang-Controlled Areas." LI Hsiu-chen, also a member of the Presidium and representing the Preparatory Committee, read a report on "The Student Movement in the Liberated Areas." Before the session ended, a letter of congratulations was read, and gifts of towels, canned goods, and stockings were distributed to the delegates as gifts from the Political Department of the Northeast Combat Troops of the People's Liberation Army. The session ended with cheers and applause.

18. On 3 March the third session took place with a discussion of the draft of the Present Missions of the China Student Movement, which had been read the day before. Over forty representatives expressed their views on how to bring to the future student movements of the various areas the spirit of service to the laboring masses, as taught by Chairman of the LAYFC, FENG Wen-pin, and as expressed in the draft under discussion. The discussion ended with applause which indicated complete support.

19. On the evening of 3 March a feast was given in honor of all representatives of the Congress by the Peiping Municipal Committee of the CCP, the Peiping Municipal Military Control Commission of the Liberation Army, and the Peiping Municipal People's Government. Secretary of the Peiping Municipal Committee of the CCP, PENG Chen (彭真); a representative of the Peiping Municipal Military Control Committee, JUNG Tzu-ho (董子何); Deputy Mayor of Peiping Municipality, HSU Ping (徐冰); and FENG Wen-pin all attended the feast.

20. On 4 March the fourth session of the Congress started with two members of the Presidium, WU Chen-tung and LI Kung-t'ien explaining the draft of the regulations governing the All China Union of Students Unions (ACUSU) (also translated as the All China Students Federation, and the China National Student Federation), and the measures governing the election of the Executive Committee of the ACUSU.

21. In the fifth session, which took place on 5 March, the regulations governing the ACUSU were passed as they were drafted and the Executive Committee was elected. It was also decided by the Congress that the ACUSU would join the International Union of Students, and would participate in the preparation of the convocation of the All China Youth Congress to be held on 4 May. Wires of congratulations and encouragement were received by the Congress from various national parties, such as the Democratic League, the All-China Union of Trade Unions, and such international groups as the WFDY and IUS. On the evening of 5 March, a bonfire took place at Peiping University in celebration of the establishment of the ACUSU.

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22. On 6 March, the sixth session was held, which consisted mainly of a closing ceremony. This ceremony was participated in by YEH Chien-ying, Chairman of the Municipal Military Control Committee and concurrently Mayor of Peiping; CHOU Yang, Chief of the Publicity Committee of the North China Central Politburo of the CCP; CHIANG Nan-hsiang, (蔣南翔), from the LAYFC; SHEN Chun-ju (沈鈞儒) of the Democratic League; CHANG Hsi-jo (張愛若), professor at Chinghua; and others. Banners of reverence were offered to Chairman MAO and to Commander-in-Chief CHU by the delegation of students of the Northeast, and were accepted by YEH on behalf of MAO and CHU.
23. The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the ACUSU took place in Peiping on 14 March 1949 with 16 members present. The future work of the ACUSU was decided as follows:
- To unite the students of the entire nation, to exchange information and experiences, to publicize the student movement in various areas, and to direct the students of the entire nation to unified action.
  - To assist the People's Government in promoting education of the students in the principles of "New Democracy," and to organize the students of the entire nation and to participate in the various revolutionary movements within the nation.
  - To initiate activities concerning the welfare, culture, and amusement of the students of the nation.
  - To represent the students of the entire nation in participation in, and to make the students of the nation respond to, the activities of the international youth and student organizations.
24. The following named persons were elected to the Presidium of the Executive Committee of the ACUSU. The starred names represent those who also served on the Preparatory Committee of the Congress, and on the Presidium of the All China Student Congress.

President:

HSIEH Pang-ting (謝邦定)

Vice-Presidents:

CH'ENG Hao

LIU Lien-ju\*

YEN Fu-min\*

TING Li

FAN Chun

CH'EN Chen-chung\*

LIANG Keng

LIANG Keng was ratified as the ACUSU representative to the IUS.

25. The following persons were elected to the Executive Committee of the ACUSU (Chung Hua Ch'uan Kua Hsueh Sheng Lien Ho Hui (中華全國學生聯合會)). The names starred represent those who also served on the Preparatory Committee of the Congress, and on the Presidium of the All China Student Congress.

a. The Northwest Area:

CH'ENG Hao (程浩)

YANG Kuang-tou (楊光斗)

NIEH Wei-ch'ing (羅維慶)

WU Chien-fu (吳劍夫)

b. The North China Area:

YEN Fu-min (嚴福民)

SHIH Pu-wei (施普威)

LI Kuei-jung (李桂榮)

c. The Northeast Area:

LIU Lien-ju (劉康儒)

FENG Yin-fu (馮隱復)

YANG Chien-po (楊建伯)

HSU Ching-wu (徐清武)

KUO Yung-tse (郭永澤)

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the same as the membership of the Presidium of the Congress, and that almost one-third of the members of the Executive Committee of the ACUSU served on the Preparatory Committee. It would appear from this report that most, if not all, of the student demonstrations, political activity, and the movements in general, are controlled by the CCP through well organized cells and through strong leadership. Other groups such as the Democratic League have aided this movement and appear to be continuing their support of all that the CCP and its affiliates do.

25X1A ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Not to be confused with CHEN Chia-keng (陳嘉庚), better known as TAN Kah Kee, the Singapore Overseas Chinese leader who is presently in Communist China.

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